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DECLARATION I

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Sir:

I, Roger Randal Charles NEW, do solemnly declare that:

1. I am of mature age and competent to make this declaration.

2. I am the inventor in this application.

3. I am a graduate in Chemistry from Oxford University UK, and have a PhD in Immunology from London University. I have been working in the area of biological sciences, biotechnology and biopharmaceutics, in research laboratories, for over thirty years. My CV is attached.

4. I have reviewed and am familiar with U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/019,052, filed April 22, 2002, entitled "Epitopes Formed by Non-covalent Association of Conjugates," including the claims currently pending in the

application. I also have reviewed and am familiar with the Office Action dated March 13, 2007 and the references cited therein.

5. The Office Action dated March 13, 2007 in the present application requests that amendments made previously to remove a sequence listing and to place commas between the letters in the left column of certain tables in the specification constitute addition of "new matter" to the application by deleting sequences. The application as drafted, however, does not contain any peptide sequence information and does not refer to sequences in the affected tables. It is my opinion, therefore, that no new information or subject matter is added by removal of the sequence listing or addition of commas.

6. A skilled person reading the entire application with the tables, in context, would, in my opinion immediately understand that the letters in the left column of the tables, for example the tables on pages 17 and 18 of the specification, refer not to peptide sequences (which are nowhere discussed in the application), but to the identity of the headgroups of the conjugates present in particular conjugate mixtures. The letters are nowhere identified as sequences. The specification explicitly states on page 15, first paragraph, "in the examples given below, the standard convention for representation of amino acids by single letters of the alphabet is employed, except that in all cases the letter refers to conjugates as described above in which that particular amino acid occupies the terminal position in the peptide chain". The specification also states on page 15 second paragraph "individual conjugates E, Y, Q, S and H", on page 21 "individual conjugates L, S, E & Q" and on page 24 "each of

the conjugates Y, F, W, L, S, E, Q & R". The skilled person would clearly understand that the letters refer to individual conjugates which only differ in the terminal amino acid of the head group, wherein the terminal amino acid of each conjugate is defined by the letter. The tables are provided to show which isolated, individual conjugate solutions were added and the volume of each. As one can readily see from the table on page 17, the letters in the left column identify the amino acid headgroups of each conjugate which are dispensed, since the center columns, in every case, match the letters provided. See for example, row 7, which states "EQ." The center columns indicate that 200 μl each of E and Q were added and none of the other conjugates. Row 28, which states "EYSH," indicates that volumes of E, Y, S, and H were added. Thus, it would be clear to the skilled reader, and was intended by the drafter, that the letters, for example "EQ" and "EYSH" referred to the conjugates with different headgroups present and not to a peptide sequence. On pages 18, 20, 23 and 26 when discussing the test results for those conjugate mixtures, it clearly refers to "combinations of different headgroups" or "combinations of conjugates" eliciting response, and not at all to any peptides.

7. Therefore, in summary, the amino acid one letter code letters listed together in the application do not refer to peptides but to individual conjugates with different amino acid headgroups. It is my opinion that skilled persons would, upon reading the application as a whole and in context, realize immediately that the letters referred to individual conjugates with different headgroups and not to peptides.

8. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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EDUCATION

1961 - 68 Manchester Grammar School

1968 - 72 Brasenose College Oxford, BA (Chemistry)

1972 - 75 St Mary's Hospital, London, PhD (Immunology)

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1975 - 78 Dept of Biochemistry, Liverpool University, Senior Demonstrator

1978 - 83 Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Sen. Research Fellow on WHO grant

1983 - 85 Hon Lecturer at LSTM, Visiting Scholar, Jinan University, Guangzhou, People's Republic of China

1985 - 88 Leverhulme Senior Research Fellow, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

1988 - 90 Senior Scientific Officer, Liposomal-Doxorubicin Clinical Trial Programme

1990 - 92 Biocompatibles Ltd, Group Manager (Biointeractions)

1992 - 99 Cortecs Ltd, Director of Research (Oral peptide delivery)

2000 - Proxima Concepts Ltd, Executive Director & Co-founder

2003 - Diabetology Ltd, Chief Scientific Officer & Co-founder

PAST AND PRESENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

1. Liposomes

- The use of liposomes to improve therapy of infectious diseases, particularly leishmaniasis, hydatidosis and malaria. New methods of immunisation, using liposomes and other carriers to stimulate local and parenteral immune responses against infectious organisms and biological toxins, such as snake venoms. Encapsulation methods for stabilisation of liposomes and other delivery agents.

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- Collaboration with OSEAN-supported group in Mahidon Institute for Tropical Diseases, Bangkok (1983 and 1986) on oral cholera vaccines administered in liposomes.

- Publication of over thirty peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals (including *Nature*, *The Lancet* and *New England Journal of Medicine*). Author of the book "Liposomes – A Practical Approach" OUP, and miscellaneous chapters and patents.

2. Oral peptide Delivery

- Development of delivery systems based on neutral oils for transport of macromolecules across the gut wall, stimulation of immunity and other applications.

- Head of a research team for eight years specialising in developing new methods for enhancement of uptake of macromolecules across the gut. Special attention was paid to the use of lipids, since these are well taken up by the gastro-intestinal tract.

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- Have also devised several novel *encapsulation* methodologies for facilitating administration of oil-based formulations via oral and other routes.

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- Variations of these formulations have been developed which can modulate the immune response to encapsulated antigens after oral administration.

- Extensive experience acquired in setting up and running of animal (catheterised pig/rodent) and *in vitro* models (range of monolayer transwell cell cultures) for intestinal transport.

- Development of improved nutritional supplements for enhancing the growth and survival of early stage fish larvae important in the marine aquaculture industry (collaboration with Singapore).

- Patents applied for or granted:
  WO 95/13795 (accepted for grant in Europe); WO 96/17593; WO 96/17593;
  WO 96/14871; GB 96/02615; GB 96/02751; GB 97/00749; GB 97/01775;
  UK Application 9826822.0; UK Application 9826821.2

- Additional approaches to formulation of improved oral delivery vehicles which do not rely on the proprietary technology described above are under consideration.

3. International Activities

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- Have devised and run workshops on liposomes in Colombia, and been invited to participate in workshops in Portugal and Denmark.

- On-going collaborations with, Cartgena, Colombia (pulmonary fibrosis), Singapore (vaccines for fish larvae), University of Queensland (peptide epitopes) and FUNED in Belo Horizonte, Brazil (snake venom vaccine).

EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRY

- Ten years experience in industry in managerial roles, reporting directly to the CEO.
- Responsible for a budget of US$1 million/annum.
- Instrumental in setting up research facilities from scratch for conducting a wide range of *in vitro* and *in vivo* analytical and formulation pharmaceutics activities.
- In charge of a group of 10-15 scientists conducting work ranging from basic research to clinical manufacture, under conditions conforming to the code of Good Laboratory Practice.
- Responsible for progression of experimental formulations right from early concept stage at laboratory bench to proof of principle in human clinical trial.
- Have direct experience of manufacture of formulations to GMP for clinical trial supplies.
- Acquired extensive project and man management expertise, working with a fully integrated team responsible for strategic planning of company activities. Good interpersonal skills.
- Responsible for spearheading the presentation of technology to multinational client companies, and in major international scientific arenas.
- Intimate understanding of requirements which need to be fulfilled in order for a product to be registered and receive regulatory approval.
- Involved in writing, filing, prosecution and defence of patents (over ten filed in own name).

PRESENTATIONS AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Apr 1974	British Soc Immunology, London "*Induction of Specific Unresponsiveness to Transplantation Antigens in Mice*"
June 1974	Int Congress Transplantation, Jerusalem "*Studies on the Mechanism of Specific Unresponsiveness to Skin Allografts*"
June 1978	Gordon Conf on "Drug Carriers in Med & Biology" USA "*Treatment of Leishmaniasis by Liposome-entrapped Antimonial Compounds*"
Sep 1979	Harden Conf, Wye College, Kent, UK on "Delivery and Targeting of Therapeutic Agents with Particular Reference to Liposomes" "*Leishmaniasis*"
Mar 1980	Joint Meeting of Royal Soc of Tropical Med & Hyg with Swiss Soc for Trop Med & Parasitol, Basel "*The Treatment of Experimental Cutaneous Leishmaniasis by Liposome-entrapped Antimonials*"
	Also chaired workshop on Drug Carriers
June 1980	Brit Nuclear Med Soc Annual Congress, London "*Distribution of Liposomes in Inflamed Tissue*"
Jul 1980	Janssen Symp on "Biochemistry of Parasites", Antwerp "*The Treatment of Leishmaniasis by Liposome-entrapped Compounds*"
May 1981	Symp: "Drug Carriers in Radiobiol.", Nottingham UK "*Distribution of Liposome-entrapped Antimonials in Experimental Models for Visceral and Cutaneous Leishmaniasis*"

Sep 1981	Conference on "Liposomes in Biology", Grignon France *"Leishmaniasis and Liposome"*
Sep 1982	Conference on "Liposome Technology", San Francisco *"Liposome Therapy for Leishmaniasis"*
Sep 1983	Conference on "Liposomes in Medicine", Grignon *"Leishmaniasis & Liposomes - Latest Developments"*
Jul 1984	Gordon Conference on "Drug Carriers", Plymouth USA *"Entrapment of Snake Venoms inside Liposomes"*
Jul 1985	National Conference on Parasitology in Shandong Province, China *"Improved Therapy for Leishmaniasis"*
Nov 1988	National Hydatid Group Meeting, Nottingham, UK *"Hydatid Disease in China"*
Apr 1989	BPI/BPS Seminar School on "Targeting and Delivery of Immunologic Agents" London UK. Invited Speaker on *"Stimulation of Immunity by Oral Administration of Liposomes"*
May 1989	International Symposium on Natural Toxins, Guilin, China 1. *"Stimulation of Parenteral Immunity against Snake Venoms by Liposomal Vaccination"* 2. *"Stimulation of Immunity by Oral Administration of Liposomes"*
Feb 1990	Conference: "Liposome Research Days" Gainesville, Florida. Session Chairman and invited speaker. *"Liposomes in Chemotherapy and Immuno-therapy in Tropical Medicine".*
Dec 1990	Conference: "Liposomes 21 Years On" *"Liposome Encapsulation System for Shrimp Larval Microdiets".*
July 1991	Gordon Conference on "Biomaterials and Biocompatibility" Plymouth , New Hampshire. *"Increase in Biocompatibility of Polymer by Treatment with Phosphatidyl Choline".*
Dec 1991	Material Research Society, Fall Meeting, Boston USA *"A New Platelet Enzyme Immunoassay for Assessment of Biocompatibility in vitro."*

Feb 1993	Sixth Symposium on Recent Advances in Drug Delivery Systems, Salt Lake City, Utah *"Efficacy of Albendazole Administered Orally is Improved by Encapsulation in Liposomes."*
Feb 1993	Sixth Symposium on Recent Advances in Drug Delivery Systems, Salt Lake City, Utah *"Use of a Lipid Carrier to Deliver Calcitonin via the Small Intestine"*
April 1994	Third European symposium on Controlled Drug Delivery *"Changes in Urinary Crosslinks After Administration of Calcitonin to Humans by Intranasal and Oral Routes"*
June 1994	21st International Symposium on Controlled Release of Bioactive Materials, Nice, France *"Changes in Urinary Crosslinks After Administration of Calcitonin to Humans by Subcutaneous and Oral Routes."*
Dec 1994	Groupe Thematique de Recherche sur les Vecteurs. Session Chairman and Invited Speaker *"Lipidic Delivery Systems for Macromolecules"*
Aug 1995	22nd International Symposium on Controlled Release of Bioactive Materials, Seattle, USA *"Oral Administration of Tetanus Toxoid in an Oil-based Carrier for Stimulation of a Systemic Immune Response."*
Aug 1995	22nd International Symposium on Controlled Release of Bioactive Materials, Seattle, USA *"Macrosol – a New Oil-based Carrier Vehicle."*
July 1996	23rd International Symposium on Controlled Release of Bioactive Materials, Kyoto, Japan *"The Use of Macrosol Technology for Highly Effective Antioxudant Protection of Unsaturated Oils."*
July 1996	23rd International Symposium on Controlled Release of Bioactive Materials, Kyoto, Japan *"Use of an Oil-Phase Carrier – Macrosol – for Intestinal Delivery of Peptides in Large Animals."*

May 1997 — AIC Conference on Oral and Mucosal Delivery Systmes for Macromolecules, London UK
"Oral Delivery of Peptide Hormones Using the Oil-based Carrier 'Macrosol'."

June 1997 — 24th International Symposium on Controlled Release of Bioactive Materials, Stockholm, Sweden
"Enteral Delivery of Insulin in Normal Humans Using an Oil-based Macrosol Formulation."

June 1997 — 24th International Symposium on Controlled Release of Bioactive Materials, Stockholm, Sweden
"Oral Administration of a Macrosol Formulation can Stimulate Immunity Against Plague Antigens."

Sep 1997 — Recent Advances in Drug Delivery Science and Technology, Beijing, China
"Enteral Delivery of Insulin in Normal Humans Using an Oil-based Macrosol Formulation."

May 1999 — United Kingdom Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences symposium on Current Issues in Peptides and Proteins. Invited Speaker
"Oral Peptide Delivery"

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The Treatment of Experimental Cutaneous Leishmaniasis by Liposome-Entrapped Antimonials

Chance ML, New RRC. Proceedings of Janssen Symposium on Biochemistry of Parasites, North Holland 1980 ed H van den Bossche

The Use of Liposomes in the Treatment of Experimental Cutaneous and Visceral Leishmaniasis

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Antileishmanial Activity of Amphotericin and Other Antifungal Agents Entrapped in Liposomes

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Liposomal Immunisation Against Snake Venoms

Theakston RDG, Zumbuhl O, New RRC. *Toxicon* 23 p925 (1985)

Use of Liposomes for Protective Immunisation Against Snake Venom in Sheep

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Use of Liposomes Incorporating Immunostimulant for Immunisation against Snake Venoms

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Freitas TV, Tavares AP, Theakston RDG, Laing G & New RRC. Toxicon **27** pp341-347 (1989)

Use of Liposomes for Protective Immunisation against *Crotalus durissus* (Tropical rattlesnake) Venom

Price G, Aherne W, New RRC, Mayhew E, Stringer RE, Littleton P, Adams K, Rustum Y & Lister A. *Proc Am Assoc Cancer Res* **30** p988 (1989)

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Effect of *Loxosceles gaucho* venom on cell morphology and behaviour in vitro in the presence and absence of sphingomyelin.

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New RRC in "Liposomes as Tools in Basic Research and Industry" Eds JR Philippot & F Schuber, CRC Press, Boca Raton 1995

Influence of Liposome Characteristics on Their Properties and Fate

New RRC in "Encyclopaedia of Molecular Biology", VCH Publishers, NY 1995

Liposomal Vectors

New RRC & Kirby CJ in Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews 25 pp59-69 (1997)

Solubilisation of hydrophilic drugs in oily formulations

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"Liposomes: A Practical Approach"
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